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APARTMENT FIRE AT 131 RUTLEDGE DR. FORMERLY CRAIG MANOR APTS. RULED AN ACCIDENT

Salem Fire & EMS Department Fire Marshal, Doug Moore, has determined that last night's fire at the Crest at Longwood Apartment complex, formerly known as Craig Manor Apartments, at 131 Rutledge Dr. was an accident. Moore spent most of today at the scene of the fire and says the blaze started in the kitchen of a third floor unit on a stovetop and spread throughout the attic of that building.

An official from the City of Salem Building office conferred with the complex's management today and informed them that the building has been condemned due to the damage. At this time, residents in the lower units have not been allowed back in the building. The possible reentry into their homes to check on their belongings will be reevaluated tomorrow to see if these lower floors have stabilized.

The Red Cross is currently assisting the occupants of the building who were displaced by providing shelter for those who need it.

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